A.—(*a*) *Copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue department.*—The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 173, section (ii).

Copyists in the Judicial department.—Copyists are paid at the rate of 15 pies per 150 words copied, subject to a monthly minimum pay of Rs. 20.

Examiners in the Judicial department.—The sanctioned scale of pay for examiners is Rs. 35—40.

(*b*) & (*c*) There are no such proposals before the Government.

Memorial from an amin of Cannanore District Munsif's Court regarding his promotion.

* 1735 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorial from one Henry Theodore Peter, permanent senior amin, District Munsif's Court, Cannanore, regarding his promotion;

(*b*) whether the memorialist has rendered Military service during the war;

(*c*) if so, whether his Military service and his service in the Judicial department have been taken into account in considering his prayer for promotion; and

(*d*) what action Government have taken or propose to take on his memorial?

A.—(*a*) & (*d*) The Government have not received the memorial referred to.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Forests

Rewards for killing wild animals.

* 1736 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the report of the Collector of South Kanara laid on the Council table in reply to my question No. 1424 answered on 25th January 1928; and

(*b*) whether, in view of the increase in the number of cattle destroyed by wild animals in 1926, the Government propose to give rewards freely for killing wild animals instead of restricting them to deserving cases?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are unable to accept the suggestion that rewards should be granted in undeserving cases. They are unable to attach the same significance to these statistics as the hon. Member does.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know, Sir, what led the Government to issue instructions to district authorities to give rewards only in deserving cases?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I believe, Sir, that it was due to one of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee."